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VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

Beth Mizuno, Esquire
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Re: MUR 5740
Nethercutt for Senate and Catherine Gernes, in her official capacity as treasurer

Dear Ms. Mizuno:

Attached please find the Designation of Counsel Form for Nethercutt for Senate and Catherine Gernes, in her official capacity as treasurer, in the above-captioned matter.

Because your letter was received on May 11, 2006, and the 15-day period expires on May 26, 2006, on behalf of our clients we respectfully request a 20-day extension until June 15, 2006 to respond. The additional time will allow us to review the factual and legal basis for the Commission's finding.

Sincerely,



Benjamin L. Ginsberg
Eric S. Brown

Attachment

STATEMENT OF DESIGNATION OF COUNSEL

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The above-named individuals are hereby designated as my counsel and are authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

5/18/2006
Date

Catherine Ann Gernes
Signature

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